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PRESS RELEASE/MEDIA INVITATION

Date/Time of Release: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 4 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Friday, May 26, 2006 2 p.m.
Nature of Event: PepperBall Guns Purchased by Sheriff's Council
Location of Call: Placer County Sheriff's Main Office
11500 A Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603
Released by: Dena Erwin (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Members of the media are invited to view and shoot the Placer County Sheriff Department's newest cache of PepperBall guns at a press conference to be held Friday, May 26, 2006, at 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Sheriff Department's Auburn office, 11500 A Avenue.

The 10 less-lethal systems were purchased by the Placer County Sheriff's Council, a recently formed non-profit group of citizens wanting to bridge the gap between the demands for increasing law enforcement services and tightening county budgets.

Members of the Placer County Sheriff's Council will be at the press conference to discuss their mission.

PepperBall technology is an effective, less-lethal law enforcement tool that offers deputies an additional option to lethal force. The recoilless launchers allow accurate targeting and provide increased officer safety during a variety of situations, including hostage rescue, riot control, domestic violence and "suicide by cop."

PepperBall launchers fire a projectile similar in size and appearance to a paintball, only the projectile contains oleoresin capicum powder, a powdered form of pepper spray. The powder is inhaled by the targeted individual, which envelops their eyes and breathing passages, providing greater opportunity for more peaceful incident resolution.